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SUBJECT: PDM – Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Progress Reporting

Purpose: To provide guidance regarding progress reporting for the RC&D program for fiscal year 2005.

Expiration Date: October 31, 2005

Action Required By: September 30, 2005 and October 24, 2005

RC&D Points, the new reporting system, was to be developed by mid-2005, but has been delayed. The current system used by coordinators to record progress is not working correctly. Due to these circumstances, PRS input screens were added to capture data for the five (5) goaled RC&D performance measures. However, in addition to the goaled measures, NRCS also needs additional program data for completing the Congressional Explanatory Notes that accompany the agency's budget documents each year.

Coordinators should report progress for the five goaled performance measures using the PRS input screens and the attached spreadsheet for the additional important program data. The spreadsheet contains three worksheets. One is called "FY2005 Report". This worksheet should be completed and sent to Dwayne Howard, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, for consolidation. The other worksheets contain definitions and an example. The entire file can be returned to Dwayne Howard upon completion of the FY2005 Report section. The information from the spreadsheets will be consolidated nationally for reporting in the budget documents. Because this is a time consuming and manual reporting process, it will most likely be used in FY 2005 only.

Currently, RC&D progress reported in PRS is significantly behind. We have been informed that PRS reporting will be closed on September 30, 2005. As a result, PRS reporting is due by September 30, 2005. The additional data on the attached spreadsheet should be submitted to Dwayne Howard by October 24, 2005 for consolidation.

The five national goaled performance measures are:

1. Agricultural lands treated for which wildlife habitat is the primary or secondary resource concern (ac.)
2. Watershed or area-wide conservation plans developed for water or air quality (ac.)
3. Watershed or area-wide conservation plans developed for water or air quality (no.)
4. Local businesses created in rural communities through RC&D assistance (no.)
5. Local jobs created in rural communities through RC&D assistance (no.)

Indiana has targeted three of these goals. They are as follows:

1. Agricultural lands treated for which wildlife habitat is the primary or secondary resource concern (ac.) – 360 acres
2. Local Businesses created in rural communities through RC&D assistance (no.) - 9
3. Local jobs created in rural communities through RC&D assistance (no.) - 27

Also attached to this bulletin is a file provided by Diane Guidry, Program Manager in Oregon, which has instructions to assist in accessing PRS.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Dwayne Howard at extension 386, or John Poenisch at extension 357.

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Attachments